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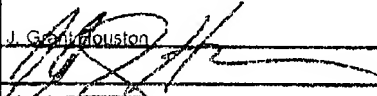
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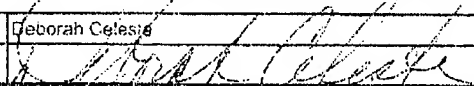
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-amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in section a):

Finally, reconsideration is requested in view of the remarks set forth in section b).